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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON LAW OF
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REF: (A) BONN 2349; (B) STATE 32618; (C) GENEVA 1013

1. A REPRESENTATIVE OF FONOFF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION CALLED FEB. 19 TO INFORM US THAT FINAL DECISION CONCERNING FRG POSITION ON PARTICIPATION OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE ALONG LINES INDICATED IN REFTEL A, I.E., FRG DELEGATION WILL OPPOSE ANY PARTICIPATION BY SUCH MOVEMENT EXCEPT AS NGO'S UNDER RULE 60 WITHOUT RIGHT TO VOTE.

2. A REPRESENTATIVE OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT FONOFF, WHICH IS HANDLING QUESTION OF PRG PARTICIPATION AND WITH WHOM WE RAISED THIS QUESTION AFTER RECEIPT OF REFTEL B, TOLD US THAT THE FRG POSITION REGARDING THE PRG WAS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THAT ON AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. FRG
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AGREED WITH US VIEWS ON PRG AND DID NOT FAVOR PRG PARTI-

CIPATION. FRG DEL THEREFORE BEING INSTRUCTED (HE EXPECTED INSTRUCTION TO GO OUT MORNING OF FEB. 20) TO VOTE AGAINST INVITATION TO PRG. AT MOST, FRG WOULD BE PREPARED TO AGREE TO "AD PERSONAM" STATUS IN WHICH PRG OBSERVER DEL WOULD HAVE NO VOTING RIGHTS AND NO RIGHT TO SPEAK UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CALLED UPON BY THE CHAIR TO DO SO.

3. FONOFF REP NOT IMMEDIATELY PREPARED TO SAY WHETHER FRG DEL MIGHT BE INSTRUCTED TO SPEAK AGAINST PRG AT DEBATE ON INVITATION QUESTIONS, BUT PROMISED ANSWER IN COURSE OF DAY FEB. 20.

4. AMBASSADOR HAS USED OCCASION OF FEB. 20 QUADRIPARTITE LUNCH TO EMPHASIZE TO STATE SECRETARY FRANK THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO PRG INVITATION, INCLUDING WILLINGNESS OF WEO DELS TO SPEAK OUT ON THIS SUBJECT IN DEBATE ON INVITATION QUESTIONS.
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